

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace the paragraph on page 31, line 18 – page 32, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:**

Now, in such a nonionic surfactant, one having a  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$  group as the  $\text{R}_2$  group in the aforementioned general formula is most suitably used. In the present invention, a polyethylene glycol derivative is suitably used as a nonionic surfactant. However, in a polyethylene glycol derivative, if polyethylene glycol itself is not contained and the  $\text{R}_2$  group is a  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$  group, it is profitable in respect of synthesis, purity, material price, and easiness in acquisition and has an advantage in stabilizing reaction properties with a water molecule. On the other hand, if the number of carbons constituting the  $\text{R}_2$  group is large, problems of generating isomer by branch of a carbon skeleton, etc., are caused. Incidentally, nonionic surfactants satisfying the aforementioned conditions are exemplified in Table 1.